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May 2, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CAMP LOUIS ROUTH WATER TANK
REJECT BIDS AND READVERTISE
SPECS. 6350R1; LACO 3894; C.P. 69216
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Reject all bids received on April 2, 2002, for the Camp Louis Routh water tank and associated equipment.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer to readvertise for bids to be received and opened on June 17, 2002, in accordance with the "Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements" (Enclosure B), for the Camp Louis Routh water tank and associated equipment at an estimated construction cost between \$135,800 and \$186,600 funded by a net County cost commitment established in C.P. 69216.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board reject all bids received on April 2, 2002, and authorize readvertising for competitive bids to fabricate and install a water tank and associated equipment at Camp Louis Routh. The system will provide a new, reliable source of water for the Camp's domestic use and fire suppression in the new kitchen/mess hall.

On March 12, 2002, your Board adopted plans and specifications for the project at an estimated construction cost between \$135,800 and \$186,600 and instructed the Executive Officer to advertise for construction bids. During the three-week bid period, ten copies of the bid specifications were given to prospective bidders including five within one week of the bid due date. On April 2, 2002, two bids were received. Both bids exceed the bid range for the project by more than 50 percent. After evaluation of the bid specifications, process, and results, Public Works has determined that the County's estimate for the project is reasonable, but that there may not have been sufficient time for the five firms that received specifications in the final week of the bid period. In addition, minor clarifications have been incorporated into the project administration and technical requirements. Therefore, we believe it is in the County's best interest to reject all bids and readvertise the project with a broader area of advertising and extended bid cycle.

The Camp Louis Routh kitchen/mess hall is currently operating under a two-year waiver from the Fire Department until additional fire suppression measures for the structure can be effected. The new water tank is a critical component of the fire suppression system for the kitchen/mess hall and is required for continued occupancy of the new kitchen/mess hall.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Service Excellence since this construction contract will improve this public facility. Completion of the Camp Louis Routh water tank earthquake recovery project will give residents access to a safer facility, which could prevent injuries or loss of life from fire or future seismic events.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no anticipated additional fiscal impact to the County as a result of this action. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Enclosure A.

Public Works' fair cost estimate, without contingencies for the contract, is between \$135,800 and \$186,600 funded through a net County cost commitment established in the C.P. 69216.

A change order contingency fund, equal to approximately 10 percent of the estimated cost, is included in the project budget. No expenditures from this fund will be made without the Chief Administrative Office's review and authorization.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, bidders will be required to demonstrate a proven record of hiring Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants or attest to a willingness to consider GAIN participants for future employment.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on Public Works' contracts.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Bidders will be required to show full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 12, 2002, your Board approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Advertising for bids will be in accordance with the County's standard "Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements" (Enclosure B).

Following receipt of bids, we plan to return to your Board to award a fabrication and installation contract.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises in the project will be encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity will be listed on the Office of Small Business website.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contract as this contract is for non-Proposition A services.

Only after your Board awards a construction contract to the apparent lowest responsible bidder and Public Works receives an acceptable construction schedule, schedule of values, bonds, and insurance, will a construction contract be executed.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on any other programs or projects as a result of this action. This project allows for continuous uninterrupted operations of Camp Louis Routh.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Probation Department
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN Program)

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ENCLOSURE A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	Revised Scheduled Completion Date
Project Program	10/10/01*	10/10/01*
Environmental Documentation	10/22/01*	10/22/01*
Project Definition Documents	10/22/01*	10/22/01*
Procurement Bid and Award	05/07/02	07/30/02
Installation		
Substantial Completion	11/14/02	01/27/03
Acceptance	12/16/02	03/10/03

*Indicates completed activity

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II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget
Fabrication/Installation	
(a) Fabrication/Installation	\$ 169,700
(b) Bid Range Budget (10 Percent)	<u>16,900</u>
Subtotal	\$ 186,600
(c) Change Orders	<u>16,900</u>
Subtotal	\$ 203,500
Consultant Services	
(a) Project Management	\$ 11,700
(b) Survey, Testing & Inspections	<u>4,800</u>
Subtotal	\$ 16,500
Miscellaneous Expenditures	
(a) Print/Blueprinting	\$ - 0 -
(b) Legal Advertising	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal	\$ 5,000
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	\$ 1,300
County Services	\$ 11,700
TOTAL	\$ 238,000

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ENCLOSURE B

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper, or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Architectural Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishings, materials, labor, and equipment required to complete fabrication and installation for the following work:

<u>SD</u>	<u>SPECS</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BID DOC.</u> <u>FEE</u>	<u>DATE OF BID</u> <u>OPENING</u>
5	6350R1	Camp Louis Routh Water Tank 12500 Big Tujunga Canyon Road Tujunga, CA 91042	No fee	06/17/02

Copies of the project manual and drawings may be obtained at the Cashier's Office, Department of Public Works, 1st Floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, for the fee stated above. For bid information, please call (626) 458-2563. Each bid shall be submitted on the required form, sealed, and filed at the Cashier's Office before 10:45 a.m. on the date indicated. Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 11:00 a.m. on this date in Conference Room C, 1st Floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803.

Bids must conform to all bidding requirements. The fabrication and installer will possess all required licenses at the time of bid submittal. The fabricator should verify to his/her satisfaction that he/she holds the correct license for this type of project.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

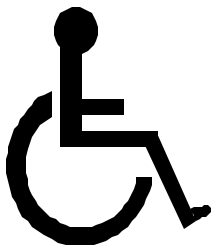
The Public Works' Project Management Team will hold a mandatory pre-bid conference at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at the Camp Louis Routh, 12500 Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Tujunga, California 91042, to provide information on the project bidding process and answer any questions that the potential bidders may have. For further directions, please contact John Boyd with the Public Works' Project Management Team at (626) 300-3207.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code to contract with Community Business Enterprises.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

Si necesita información en español, por favor llame al Telefono (626) 458-2563.



Upon 72 hours notice, the Department can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Con 72 horas de noticia, el Departamento puede proveerle información y publicaciones sobre el programa y formatos alternativos o hacer adaptaciones para incapacitados. Además, documentación sobre el programa está disponible en nuestra oficina principal en Alhambra (900 South Avenue Fremont), la cual es accesible para individuos con incapacidades. Para solicitar adaptaciones SOLAMENTE, o para mas información del ADA, pongase en contacto con nuestro Coordinador del ADA del departamento al (626) 458-4081 o TDD (626) 282-7829, de Lunes a Jueves de las 7:00 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, dated May 14, 2002.

Specs. 6350R1 VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES